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MEDICAL DEVICES, AND METHODS

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Per M.P.E.P. § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form(s) is respectfully requested. As this patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications listed on the attached 1449 form(s) have not been submitted. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 form(s), marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any documents, Office Actions that may include rejections of similar claims, and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced in the pending U.S. applications or in their file wrappers. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

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STATEMENT****Atty. Docket No.:** P-10908.00
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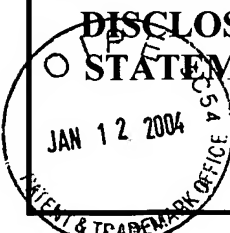
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	X	Coury et al., "Biomedical Uses of Polyurethanes," in <i>Advances in Urethane Science and Technology</i> , 9:130-168, edited by Frisch et al., Technomic Publishing Co., Lancaster, PA (1984).
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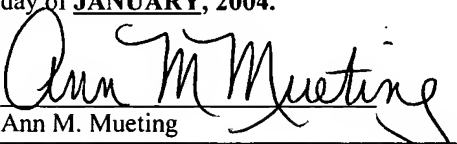
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List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

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Benz et al.	10/663,926	09/16/03	60/411,725 and 60/490,780
Benz et al.	10/246,807	09/17/02	N/A

It is believed that no fee is due, as this Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to the receipt of any Action on the merits. However, in the event a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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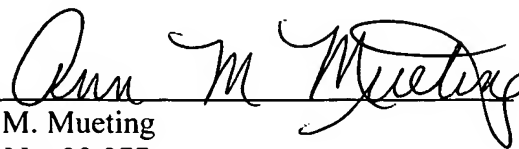
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